

AFPA response to question on notice – Criminal Intelligence

The APFA has provided a response to a further question on notice in the Criminal Intelligence Inquiry. It arose in the context below, and relates to costings for a national vehicle number plate tracking system.

**Response:**

*With respect to your question, the CrimTrac Board of Management considered a report on ANPR in 2008. This report identified the following:*

*Minimum cost - Based on the work done in 2008, it would cost a minimum of \$123 million to implement the “common systems and infrastructure” to support all the various options canvassed in the research conducted at that time.*

*Effective maximum cost - To gain “effective national coverage” would cost \$964 million” over eight years.*

*There were a range of options between the two states of implementation that were canvassed. Like anything, spend more – get more.*

*The report identified a range of benefits that offset all these costs. The cost benefit ratio was around a factor of 2.75 to three. Thus, for every dollar spent, the “defined benefits” ranged from \$2.75 to \$3.*

*The report is 571 pages long so this is a very brief summary.*

*This information is dated and would need to be revalidated if there was to be any serious reconsideration of the case as a national benefit opportunity.*

*Of course, many of the costs identified would no longer be relevant due to local investment already undertaken.*

*This information is not embargoed but is dated so care must be exercised with its use.*